

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

## St. Teresa of Avila

“To have courage for whatever comes in life - everything lies in that.”



## Parish Staff & Organizations

**Pastor:** Fr. Marian Gil, OMI  
**Parish Secretary:** Mary Steffler  
**Business Administrator:** David Agnew  
**Facilities Manager:** Jim Weber

**Volunteer Gardeners:**  
**Baptism Preparation Team:**  
**CWL President:** Mary Alice Zister  
**Lector Co-ordinator:** Mary Alice Zister  
**Eucharistic Minister Co-ordinator:**

Kim Voelzing

### Prayer Group:

Mila Navaleza - 519-579-8276

### Finance Council Chair:

Don Pickett, Jr.

### Pastoral Council Chair:

Barbara Daly

### St. Vincent de Paul:

Bernie & Rosemary Pickett

519-749-1501

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday – Office Closed**

### Saturday Liturgy:

9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

### Weekday Schedule

Please check inside for weekly schedule

### Sunday Liturgy:

10:00 a.m.

**Confession:** 30 min. before Mass; Sat., 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.

### St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear

Secretary: Mary Lavigne

519-743-2131

**Healing Mass:** First Friday of each month – 7:00 p.m.

**Prayer Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday – 7:00 p.m.

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel (Mt 16:21-27) continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build His Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of His ministry: He must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God, but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in His way of the cross.

Christians know that this life is a period of training, which makes us ready hereafter to receive the eternal reward which Christ has won for us. Every trainee knows that one must endure certain hardships and sufferings in order to merit graduation into one's chosen profession or trade. On our Christian graduation day we shall, please God, hear the welcome words: "Well done good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater, come and join in your Master's happiness" (Mt. 25: 21). May God grant that every one of us will hear these words of welcome.

**READ:** You must discern the will of God: what is good, what pleases, what is perfect.

**REFLECT:** God's will—what is good, perfect, pleasing. This is our life's aim. We need to discern it always to hit the mark.

**PRAY:** We are aware of how we often miss the mark: our sins. Let us aim to do what's more positive so we would really be praising God.

**ACT:** Ponder on the difference between being really discerning and merely discriminating.

### Strength for this Challenging Time

We pray for Your love and compassion to abound  
as we walk through this challenging season.

We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load  
of making decisions with widespread consequences.

We pray for those who are suffering with sickness  
and all who are caring for them.

We ask for protection for the elderly and vulnerable  
to not succumb to the risks of the virus.

We pray for misinformation to be curbed  
that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.

As we exercise the good sense that You in Your mercy provide,  
may we also approach each day in faith and peace,  
trusting in the truth of Your goodness towards us.

## Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2020

August 31 – Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic  
September 1 – Rev. Felix Nwatu  
September 2 – Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)  
September 3 – Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony  
September 4 – +Rev. Peter Watters  
September 5 – Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.  
September 6 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Vocations

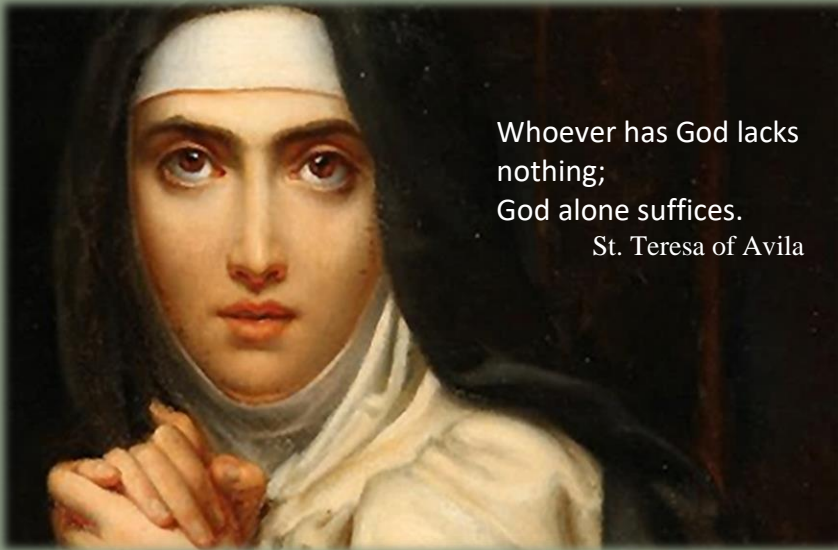
### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 30, 2020

"For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life?" Isn't there more to life than chasing the dollar? Are you being called to be a priest? Humbly ask the Lord.

If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.  
[vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

### Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations

O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen.



Whoever has God lacks  
nothing;  
God alone suffices.  
St. Teresa of Avila

**Liturgical Calendar:**

**Thursday, September 3, 2020 -**  
Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great,  
Pope and Doctor of the Church

**Friday, September 4, 2020 –**  
First Friday

**Saturday, September 5, 2020 –**  
First Saturday and Optional Memorial of  
St. Teresa of Calcutta

**Mass Intentions for August 31 – September 6, 2020** will be celebrated according to our regular schedule.

The **Sunday Mass**, at **10 a.m.** will be **live-streamed** on Zoom. If you are not attending this Mass, and you wish to join Father online, please click on the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/5887658626>

Password: 274733

**Mass Intentions** – There are weekday Mass intentions available for the deceased, sick or any special intention for family and friends. In order to assist in the availability of offering Masses, multiple Mass intentions will be offered on the following dates to the end of 2020: September 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>; October 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>; November 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>; December 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. Beginning in 2021, the Mass at 7 p.m. on the First and Third Tuesday, will be available for multiple Mass intentions. Please call our parish office if you would like to request a Mass.

**Mass Intentions for August 31 – September 6, 2020**

Tuesday, September 1 – **7 p.m.** – +**Scott Weiler** – *Dan & Pat Weiler & Family*

Wednesday, September 2 – **8:30 a.m.** – +**Sara Detweiler** – *Lee Binkle*

Thursday, September 3 – **8:30 a.m.** – +**Edward Schultz** – *Joan Airdrie*

Friday, September 4 – **8:30 a.m.** – +**Earl Boyce** – *Mary Alice & Bill Zister*

Saturday, September 5 – **9 a.m.** – +**Audrey Grubb** – *Helen Bastian & Family*

**5 p.m.** – +**Joey Kaminski** – *Huberte & Sigmund Kaminski*

Sunday, September 6 – **10 a.m.** – **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

– **Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

## Announcements

### Welcome Home!

If you haven't already come to Mass, you will notice there are a few changes from the usual way in which we celebrate the Eucharist. In order for us to open the doors, we are required to follow the guidelines of the government, health authorities and the Diocese of Hamilton, established to provide for the well-being and safety of all. Please see previous bulletins or visit the parish website at [www.stteresakit.ca](http://www.stteresakit.ca) for more information.

**Effective July 13, 2020**, the Regional Municipality of Waterloo passed By-Law (Number 20-036) requiring the wearing of face masks or protective shields in all public places in the region, including places of worship. As such, you will be required to wear a mask when coming to Mass or to the church.

**Church is Open for Prayer** – You are invited to visit Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Adoration Chapel remains closed, but the church is open. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to come and spend some time with the Lord! Jesus is waiting for you!

**Parish Records** - During this time of pandemic, in hopes of communicating effectively with everyone, we have been reviewing our Parish Database and have discovered that our Parish Records could benefit from some up-dating. We would be most grateful if you could notify the office of any changes you have experienced, most especially any changes to your address, phone number and email. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**Pre-Authorized Giving** – As mentioned in last week's message to parishioners, we are pleased to announce that Pre-Authorized Giving is now available for our parishioners. For those of you attending Mass this weekend, August 29/30, 2020, the Pre-Authorized Giving brochure will be distributed at the Masses. For those not attending Mass, please take advantage of the digitalized copy included with the bulletin and message for this week and print the form. This brochure will hopefully answer any questions you may have about this exciting new option for Stewardship, here at St. Teresa Parish. Completed forms can be returned to the Parish Office via the slot in the Parish Office door or can be left in the Collection Basket after the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses.

## Stewardship Report

As the churches, now open and we return to Sunday worship, as a parish community, in the church, I would ask you to continue to keep our parish in your prayers and prayerfully consider continuing your donations. For those attending Mass, in person, a box will be provided for you to drop off your donation, on your way out of the church. For those, at this time, who will be continuing to live-stream Mass, the following options will still be available. To support our parish via **credit card**, please visit the special **Parish Offertory Fund: COVID-19** page at the Diocese of Hamilton:

### COVID-19 Parish Fund - Diocese of Hamilton

Once you are on the Parish Offertory Fund: COVID-19 page, there are 4 sections on the form to complete. They are as follows:

- DONATION DETAILS
- DONOR & TAX RECEIPT INFORMATION
- PAYMENT INFORMATION
- IF YOU HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOUR PARISH, PLEASE SHARE IT HERE:

To ensure the funds get directed to our parish, it is imperative that you select **St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener** in the drop box in the **FUND** box of the Donation Details section. Once you have completed the form, click on **COMPLETE DONATION NOW**. This method of giving will provide you with an **electronic tax receipt** immediately upon making your gift. If you choose the above option, it would be greatly appreciated if you could email the parish office at [st.teresa@stteresakit.ca](mailto:st.teresa@stteresakit.ca) to advise us of your donation.

You may also **send a gift directly** to our parish through the mail: **St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 44 Leonard St., Kitchener, ON N2H 6C8** or you may drop off **cash or cheque**, securely, at the Parish Office, through the mail slot in the wooden door, behind the white storm door. Please be sure to include your name, address and phone number or use your donation envelope. We are very grateful for any contributions you may be able to make at this time.

### Stewardship Report – August 16, 2020

Envelopes .....	\$ 2152.00
Loose .....	\$ 180.00
Building and Maintenance .....	\$ 80.00
Diocese of Hamilton .....	\$ 96.50

### Stewardship Report – August 23, 2020

Envelopes .....	\$ 2113.00
Loose.....	\$ 202.00
Building and Maintenance .....	\$ 75.00
Insurance Offering .....	\$ 5.00
Funeral – E. Paquette .....	\$ 150.00

**Lectors, Ushers, Counters** – We are in need of volunteers to assist at the weekday and weekend Masses. If you are available, please call the Parish Office. Thank you.

**“40 Days for Life”** – The campaign runs from Wed., Sept. 23rd thru to Sun., Nov.1, 2020. All are invited to consider signing up for one hour per week at: [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or call 519-589-2919.

**Prayer Vigil - Thursday, September 3, 2020**, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com) \*\*\*Note: We will all observe 2 meters distance from each other.\*\*\*

**Waterloo Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** – Available every Friday. Pick up only: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Please call Derek, at 226-748-8378, to order. 1 P.C. - \$14.00; 2 P.C. - \$16.00 Best in Town.

### **Vocations - Pray the Rosary with Cardinal Collins:**

The last Saturday of every month, Serra International hosts a virtual global Rosary for Vocations. In this way, Serrans from all over the world come together to prayerfully support our mission. You can join too.

This month's Rosary will be led by Serra International Episcopal Adviser, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, on **August 29, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.** To join our Rosary from your computer, tablet or smartphone, go to: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/314315981> or call 1 (647) 497-9380 Access Code: 314-315-981.

Take this opportunity to pray with Serra International's wonderful and dedicated Episcopal Adviser, Cardinal Collins.

For those of you who may not be too familiar with Serra, there is a Serra Club, right here in the area, and a number in the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information about Serra, please contact Mary Helen Stroeder, President, The Serra Club of Kitchener-Waterloo at (519) 570-4375 or [mhstr@rogers.com](mailto:mhstr@rogers.com) We welcome you, to join us in fostering and promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, through prayer and our work in the Church.

### **Thank you – Garage Improvements**

A special thank you to Mary Helen and Hugh Stroeder for donating racks and shelves for the Rectory garage and to Don Monastyrski and Bill Zister for helping to install the shelves. The garage can now be kept tidy and organized. Thank you!

**Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth! Ps 8: 1**

### **Attention all Photographers, Wannabe Photographers and Everyone!**

We would like to invite all of you, to submit photos (maximum of 2) you have taken during this time of isolation, due to the COVID-19 pandemic or photos you have taken on your recent vacation trips.

We will publish all the photos on the website and ask Parishioners to vote for their favourite.

The submitter of the best picture, will be awarded with a \$50 Gift Certificate. Dust off your cameras (or use your Smartphone) and start snapping! Please submit photos by: **Monday, August 31, 2020.**

**Here are the photos submitted thus far.  
Hurry - submit your photos before the Deadline!**

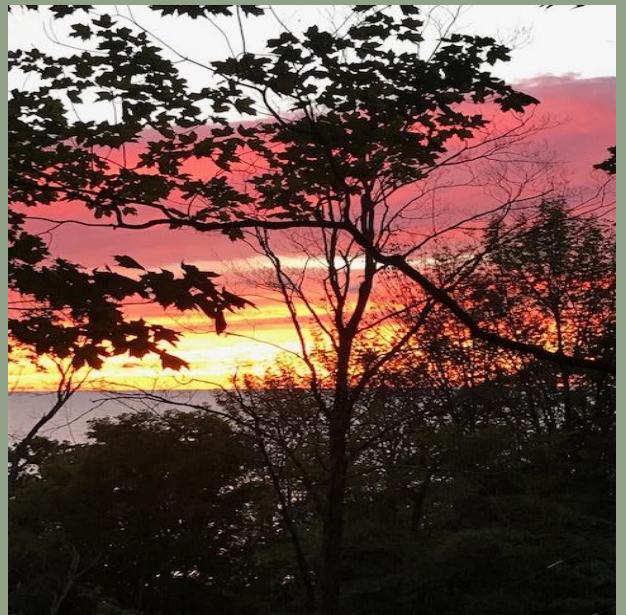


**Lake Erie Log**

**Lake Erie Waves**



**Bingo in the Rain**



*Shores of Lake Huron*



*Southampton*